officials of the Republic of China has helped in the improvement of relations between the two countries; and

(b) what were the points discussed at the meeting and the conclusions arrived at?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Both sides expressed the desire to improve relations in all fields. While it may take time to settle the boundary question, both sides felt that it should be solved through peaceful negotiation in accordance with the Five Principles of Peaceful Co-existence and that peace and tranquility should be maintained all along the Indo-China boundary.

**Concessions for "Sulabh" fabrics**

242. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any policy to extend concessions to mills for the manufacture of "Sulabh" fabrics; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) The Government have extended the concession of duty free fibre to NTC mills for the manufacture of Sulabh fabrics. Under the scheme duty exemption on fibre has been given for production of specified sorts to be sold at prices fixed by the Government, subject to certain other conditions prescribed under the scheme.

**Ridges of Delhi**

243. SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE:
DR. R. K. PODDAR:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan under Government's consideration to declare the Ridges of Delhi as a fullfledged bird sanctuary/reserved forest with all the rigours of the relevant law for the thorough protection of animals, birds and tree-life adequately enforced there;

(b) if so, by when the decision in this regard will be given effect to; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Parts of Asola, Sahurpur and Maidan Garhi Villages have been declared as a wildlife sanctuary on 9.10.1986.

(c) Does not arise.

**Retrenchment in textile Industry**

244. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:
SHRI K. MOHANAN:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government prefer retrenchment in textile industry in the name of rationalisation and modernisation as a package deal;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Deputy Minister of Textiles made a statement to this effect recently; and

(c) what are the names of the State Governments which are not averse to this policy?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.

**Forest Cover**

245. SHRI M. A. BABY:
SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for there being only about 14 per cent of forest cover as against a desirable 33 per cent in the country; and

(b) which areas are most affected by such inadequate forest cover, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Acute biotic pressure on forest resources and diversion of forest land to non-forestry uses have resulted in lower forest cover than envisaged in the National Forest Policy of 1952.

(b) The National Remote Sensing Agency has estimated the forest cover as less than 14 per cent of the geographical area during the period 1980—82 in Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana; Jammu and Kashmir, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Punjab, Rajasthan; Tamil Nadu; Uttar Pradesh; West Bengal and Union Territory of Delhi.

**दक्षिण दिल्ली में दक्षिण पुरी पुलिस चौकी में एक युवक को पीटा जाना**

246. **श्री सुनील कुमार पट्टनायक :** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि 6 जून, 1987 के "पंजाब केसरी" समाचार-पत्र के दिल्ली संस्करण में इस आशय का समाचार छपा था कि दक्षिण दिल्ली में अम्बेडकर नगर थाने के अंतर्गत दक्षिण पुरी पुलिस चौकी में खानपुर के अशोक कुमार नाम के एक युवक की निर्ममता से पिटाई करके उसे गंभीर रूप से घायल कर दिया गया था ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या इस घटना में अंतर्ग्रस्त दोषी पुलिस कर्मियों के विरुद्ध कोई कार्यवाही की गई है ; और

(ग) यदि उपर्युक्त भाग (ख) का उत्तर 'हां' हो, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ?

**कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत तथा पेंशन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० चिदम्बरम्) :** (क) जी हां, श्रीमन् ।

(ख) और (ग) अतिरिक्त पुलिस उपायुक्त, दक्षिण जिला द्वारा एक जांच की गई । परन्तु आरोप साबित नहीं किये जा सके । अतः किसी पुलिस कर्मचारी के विरुद्ध कार्रवाई करने का प्रश्न नहीं उठता है ?

**विवेक विहार के थानाध्यक्ष द्वारा एक सामाजिक कार्यकर्त्ता को परेशान किया जाना**

247. **श्री सुनील कुमार पट्टनायक :** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि विवेक विहार, शाहदरा, दिल्ली-32 के थानाध्यक्ष द्वारा श्री अतर सिंह, सामाजिक कार्यकर्ता और 28/171-सी, कस्तूरबा नगर, दिल्ली 32 के